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TAGS:EWWT, CO

SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN SHIPPING MEASURE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO A REPORT DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THAT GOC PLANS TO RESERVE ALL CARGOES MOVING BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND ARGENTINA, AND COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL, TO COLOMBIAN-FLAG AND ASSOCIATED VESSELS.

2. MEASURE REPORTEDLY IS NOW BEFORE DIRECCION GENERAL MARITIMA Y PORTUARIA. ACCORDING TO PRUDENTIAL LINES, AGROMAR SHIPPING LINES, A COLOMBIAN-FLAG LINE WHICH DOES NOT SERVE THESE TRADES, WOULD CHARTER SPACE ABOARD VESSELS OF WESTFAL-LARSEN, A NORWEGIAN-FLAG LINE, THEREBY PROVIDING ASSOCIATE STATUS FOR WESTFAL-LARSEN.

3. PRUDENTIAL LINES CLAIMS IT CURRENTLY EARNS REVENUE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT DOLLARS 70,000 PER VOYAGE IN COLOMBIA/ARGENTINA-BRAZIL TRADE, AND WOULD LOSE UP TO DOLLARS 1,000,000 PER YEAR IF SHUT OUT OF THE TRADE. (EMBASSY SHOULD NOT QUOTE THESE FIGURES, WHICH MAY BE EXCESSIVE.)

4. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT USG ABILITY TO RESIST CARGO PREFERENCE MEASURES IN OTHER COUNTRIES HAS BEEN

SOMEWHAT WEAKENED BY PRESIDENT'S RECENT DECISION TO SUPPORT

LEGISLATION RESERVING INITIALLY 4.5 PERCENT, RISING  
EVENTUALLY TO 9.5 PERCENT, OF U.S. OIL IMPORTS TO U.S.-FLAG  
VESSELS. ALTHOUGH 9.5 PERCENT OIL CARGO RESERVATION IS  
SMALL PERCENTAGE COMPARED TO AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT BETWEEN  
BRAZIL/PERU AND ARGENTINA/PERU RESERVING ALL BILATERAL  
CARGOES TO FLAG VESSELS OF THOSE COUNTRIES, AND ALSO  
COMPARED TO THIS REPORTED MOVE TO INSTITUTE COMPLETE  
BILATERALISM BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND ITS SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS,  
IT NEVERTHELESS CALLS FOR DELICATE TREATMENT BY EMBASSY  
WHEN RAISING MATTER WITH GOC. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR  
THAT IT IS ONLY SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT A REPORTED  
MEASURE THAT COULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON A U.S.-FLAG  
SHIPPING LINE, OPERATING IN THE HEMISPHERE TRADE, AND THAT  
IT IS NOT PROTESTING THE MEASURE AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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